

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 BRUSSE 06951 01 OF 02 111808Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 ISO-00 AID-05 CEA-01 CIAE-00 COME-00
EB-08 FRB-01 INR-10 NSAE-00 SP-02 STR-07 TRSE-00
LAB-04 SIL-01 OMB-01 NEA-10 DOTE-00 L-03 /076 W
-----084746 111828Z /50/42

R 101938Z APR 78
FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5936
INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN
AMEMBASSY BAMAKO
AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA
AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE
AMEMBASSY PARIS

UNCLAS SECTION 1 OF 2 BRUSSELS 06951

USEEC

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y PARA. 4.A. PREVIOUSLY OMITTED

PARIS FOR OECD
BAMAKO FOR SHEAR

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: EAID EEC XA
SUBJ: BRUSSELS MEETING ON CHAD ROADS, APRIL 4

REF: (A) STATE 031581 (B) NDJAMENA 0755

1. SUMMARY: SUBJECT MEETING WAS HELD AT EC HEADQUARTERS
IN BRUSSELS, APRIL 4, 1978. ALTHOUGH THE AID DONOR
COMMUNITY EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN OVER NOT HAVING PRIOR
ACCESS TO ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS ON WHICH
DECISION FOR FINANCING COULD BE BASED, THE MEETING NEVER-
THELESS SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS FROM
DONORS FOR VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE MOUNDOU-GIDJIBA ROAD.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BRUSSE 06951 01 OF 02 111808Z

DONORS WERE FAR LESS FORTHCOMING ON BONGOR-LAI ROAD.
END SUMMARY

2. PRESENT AT THE MEETING WERE THE FOLLOWING: EEC,
ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB), DEVELOPMENT BANK OF THE
CENTRAL AFRICAN STATES (BDEAC), IBRD, SAUDI DEVELOPMENT
FUND (SDF), ARAB BANK FOR AFRICAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(BADEA), FRANCE (FAC), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND U.S. AID. CHAD MINISTER OF ECONOMY, PLAN AND TRANSPORT, TOGOI, WAS PRESIDING OFFICER. CHAD AND CAMEROON AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED TO EC WERE ALSO PRESENT. AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (BAD) WAS NOT REPRESENTED BUT EXPRESSED ITS COMMITMENT TO PROJECT IN WRITING,

3. CHAD AND CAMEROON REPS STRONGLY ENDORSED MOUNDOU-GIDJIBA AND BONGOR-LAI ROAD PROJECTS, PROVIDING SUMMARY ECONOMIC JUSTIFICATION FOR EACH. THE MAJORITY OF DONORS PRESENT NEVERTHELESS REGISTERED THEIR CONCERN AT NOT HAVING HAD IN HAND THE VOLUMINOUS DOCUMENTATION AND FINAL ENGINEERING PLANS EXISTING FOR BOTH ROADS. THEY EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO OBTAIN THESE DOCUMENTS AND REVIEW THEM BEFORE TAKING A FINAL DECISION. ECEUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (EDF) REPRESENTATIVES EXPLAINED THAT ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING BID DOCUMENTS, EXISTED FOR THE MOUNDOU-GIDJIBA ROAD. FOR THE BONGOR-LAI ROAD NO DEFINITE ECONOMIC STUDY EXISTS, BUT TECHNICAL ENGINEERING STUDIES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. QUESTIONS CONCERNING DESIGN STILL REMAIN, HOWEVER. FOREGOING DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN UP-DATED TO REFLECT CURRENT PRICES, AND EDF OFFICIALS INDICATED THEY WILL REPRODUCE IT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO PROSPECTIVE DONORS.

4. BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT DOCUMENTATION AND GENERAL UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 BRUSSE 06951 01 OF 02 111808Z

ABSENCE OF TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED EXPERTS, CHARACTER OF BRUSSELS MEETING CHANGED FROM ANTICIPATED TECHNICAL REVIEW TO A PLEDGING SESSION. A NUMBER OF DONORS PRESENT WERE PREPARED TO MAKE FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS WHICH VIRTUALLY ASSURED FINANCING OF THE ENTIRE MOUNDOU-GODJIBA ROAD. COMMITMENTS OF DONORS FOR THIS ROAD, SUBJECT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A. IBRD: \$10 TO \$14 MILLION FOR THE PORTION OF THE ROAD WITHIN CHADIAN TERRITORY. IBRD ALSO CONSIDERING CONTRIBUTION TO CAMEROON SECTION, AMOUNT AS YET UNDEFINED. IBRD WILL REQUIRE ITS NORMAL APPRAISAL PROCEDURES BEFORE FORMALIZING ITS COMMITMENT.

B. SAUDI DEVELOPMENT FUND: 3,6000 MILION CFA (\$1.00 EQUALS 240 CFA).

C. BDEAC: 600 MILLION CFA.

D. BAD: 2,560 MILLION CFA.

E. EEC: 3,000 MILLION CFA.

TOTAL COMMITMENTS, EXPRESSED IN CFA, AMOUNT TO 13,120 MILLION AGAINST TOTAL COST OF THE ROAD OF APPROXIMATELY 17,000 MILLION CFA, ASSUMING ANTICIPATED EXONERATION OF

TAXES. IF THE IBRD MAKES COMMITMENT TO THE COMEROON SECTION OF THE MOUNDOU-GIDJIBA ROAD EQUIVALENT TO ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHAD SECTION, THE FINANCING GAP WOULD BE REDUCED TO APPROXIMATELY 500 MILLION CFA (ABOUT \$2 MILLION)

5. ABOVE COMMITMENTS WERE ALL SUBJECT TO: (A) RESPECTIVE DONORS HAVING ACCESS TO DOCUMENTATION DISCUSSED IN PARA 3 ABOVE; AND (B) FINAL REVIEW BY RELEVANT DONOR AUTHORITIES.

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 BRUSSE 06951 02 OF 02 101956Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 ISO-00 AID-05 CEA-01 CIAE-00 COME-00
EB-08 FRB-01 INR-10 NSAE-00 SP-02 STR-07 TRSE-00
LAB-04 SIL-01 OMB-01 NEA-10 DOTE-00 L-03 /076 W
-----073425 102021Z /42

R 101952Z APR 78
FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5937
INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN
AMEMBASSY BAMAKO
AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA
AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE
AMEMBASSY PARIS

UNCLAS SECTION 2 OF 2 BRUSSELS 06951

USEEC

PARIS FOR OECD
BAMAKO FOR SHEAR

FRANCE (FAC) ALSO EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO
CONSIDER CONTRIBUTIONS TO BOTH ROADS WITHIN ITS GLOBAL
AID LEVELS FOR CHAD. THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
EXPRESSED A SIMILAR INTEREST, CITING NO SPECIFIC AID
FIGURE. THE ARAB BANK FOR AFRICAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
(BADEA) AND THE ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB) BOTH
EXPRESSED A STRONG INTEREST IN CONTRIBUTING, ALTHOUGH THEY
WERE UNDECIDED ON WHETHER THEIR RESOURCES SHOULD GO TOWARD
ROADS OR OTHER OPROJECTS (E.G., LAKE CHAD POLDERS SUCH AS
MAMDI).

6. LACK OF COMMITMENT BY TWO OF THE ARAB DONOR INSTITU-

TIONS (BADEA AND IDB) EVOKED SHARP REACTION BY CHAD
MINISTER OF ECONOMY WHO URGED THEM TO REACH A FINAL, POSI-
TIVE DECISION.
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BRUSSE 06951 02 OF 02 101956Z

7. US POSITION, AS EXPRESSED REF A, WAS ALREADY KNOWN TO
CHAD REPRESENTATIVES. US DELEGATION URGED THAT EXISTING
DOCUMENTATION ON BOTH ROADS BE REPRODUCED AND DISTRIBUTED
TO POTENTIAL DONORS.

8. WHILE FINANCING FOR MOUNDOU-GIDJIBA ROAD THUS APPEARED
VIRTUALLY ASSURED, EXCEPT FOR APPROXIMATELY \$2 MILLION
GAP, DONORS WERE FAR LESS FORTHCOMING REGARDING BONGOR-
LAI ROAD. CHAD MINISTER OF ECONOMY PROPOSED THAT THE TWO
UNCOMMITTED ARAB FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (PARA 6 ABOVE)
DEVOTE THEIR ATTENTION TO THE BONGOR-LAI ROAD. THE
SAUDI FUND (SDF) INDICATED IT IS PREPARED TO SET ASIDE
\$15.3 MILLION FOR THIS ROAD. OTHER THAN MILD EXPRESSIONS
OF INTEREST BY FAC AND FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY,
POTENTIAL FINANCING FOR THIS ROAD WAS NOT DISCUSSED IN
DETAIL. CHAD REPRESENTATIVES APPEARED RESIGNED TO THIS
FACT, SINCE THEY ALLOCATED RELATIVELY LITTLE TIME FOR
CONSIDERATION OF THIS ROAD (COMPARED TO MOUNDOU-GIDJIBA
DISCUSSIONS WHICH OCCUPIED VIRTUALLY ENTIRE SESSION).

9. PLEDGES HAVING BEEN RECEIVED, THE MEETING TURNED TO A
DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PROBLEMS,
INCLUDING RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPERVISING CONSTRUCTION
(EDF HAS VOLUNTEERED), THE QUESTION OF ONE CONTRACTOR
POTENTIALLY HAVING TO DEAL WITH TWO ADMINISTRATIONS
(CHAD AND CAMEROON), PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, TIMEING OF
BID TENDERS AND ACTUAL TIMING OF CONSTRUCTION.

10. FOLLOW UP MEETING NOW SCHEDULED FOR NDJAMENA MAY
30-31. IT IS ASSUMED DONORS BY THEN WILL HAVE RECEIVED
AND REVIEWED TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION REFERRED TO ABOVE.
PURPOSE OF NDJAMENA MEETING WILL BE TO: (A) MAKE DETAILED
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 BRUSSE 06951 02 OF 02 101956Z

ARRANGEMENTS FOR FINANCING AND IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING
FOR MOUNDOU-GIDJIBA ROAD; AND (B) IDENTIFY SOURCES OF
FINANCING FOR BONGOR-LAI ROAD. MORRIS

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CONSTRUCTION, MEETINGS, FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 10 apr 1978
Decapton Date: 01 jan 1960
Decapton Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978BRUSSE06951
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780164-0467, D780154-0466
Format: TEL
From: BRUSSELS USEEC
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780476/aaaacmfs.tel
Line Count: 221
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: f49baab3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 5
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 STATE 31581, 78 NDJAMENA 755
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14 mar 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3024774
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: BRUSSELS MEETING ON CHAD ROADS, APRIL 4
TAGS: EAID, XA, US, EEC
To: STATE USOECD
Type: TE
vdkgvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/f49baab3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014